

JUNE 27, 2006

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

The Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Medina, Harriman, Miller and Nesbitt present along with City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Community Development Director Westbay, several interested citizens and the press. City Attorney Landwehr was out of town.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Minutes of June 13, 2006.

Councilor Harriman moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session Minutes of June 13, 2006, as amended.

Councilor Nesbitt asked to amend the minutes to reflect on page three, line four, add: “and Sales/LeaseBacks” after TIF’s.

Roll call vote, yes: Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Public Health Department Health Educator Margaret Wacker – Clean Indoor Air Act. Ms. Wacker was not available at this time.

Gunnison Arts Center Director Sue Uerling – Introduction. The new Gunnison Arts Center Director Sue Uerling came forward and introduced herself. Ms. Uerling has moved here from Hastings, Nebraska, and just started her new position this week. She thanked Council for their continuing support and reviewed several of the projects underway at the Center and invited them to attend the upcoming melodrama production and the Wednesday Evening Concert Series. Council welcomed Ms. Uerling.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Minor Subdivision Application SB06-2 from Carolyn Smith at 202 S. 11th St. Community Development Director Westbay reviewed the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission, discussed the removal of two buildings on the property and noted the existing “grandfathered” nonconformity on the property. Ms. Smith was present and clarified some issues on the project.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion that City Council accept the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission, based on the findings of fact and conditions met as listed in the recommendation, and approve the Minor Subdivision Application SB06-2 from Carolyn Smith at 202 S. 11th Street in Gunnison.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Vacation Application VF06-2 from Gunnison County for Vacation of Streets and Alleys in the County Rodeo Grounds. Assistant County Attorneys Tom Dill and Rachel Magruder were present and addressed Council along with City Community Development Director Westbay. The proposed Ordinance and Plat reflect the County’s wish to vacate the lot lines and streets & alleys within the existing County Rodeo Grounds. The redevelopment of the grandstands precipitated the application. Lots 1, 2, and 3 will be created and a PUD application will come later. There may be a land trade between the County and Blue Mesa Lumber in the future. Access points to the property will be maintained and nothing permanent will be placed in the easements or in the future access areas. Maintenance of utilities and access to easements was discussed. Ms. Magruder stated both the Plat and the Ordinance, once passed and adopted, will be recorded. The Ordinance incorporates, by reference, the provisions listed on the plat.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to accept the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding approval of Vacation Application VF06-2 from Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners to vacate the internal rights-of-way and lot lines within the County Fairgrounds.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: Miller.

Award Contract for West Gunnison Neighborhood Planning Project. Community Development Director Westbay reviewed the contract and funding for the West Gunnison Neighborhood Planning Project. The request is to award the Contract for Services to Design Concepts CLA, Inc. In the City Attorney's absence, local Attorney Kathleen Fogo reviewed the contract for the City. The selection committee felt Design Concepts had a strong team. The project will go into April, 2007, so budgeted 2006 funds will be re-appropriated into the 2007 budget.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to award the Contract for Services for the West Gunnison Neighborhood Planning Project to Design Concepts CLA, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign said contract.

Roll call vote, yes: Miller, Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman, Ferguson. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 8, Series 2006; Re: Vacating Portions of the Streets and Alleys Located within the Gunnison County Rodeo Grounds, 1st Reading.

Councilor Nesbitt introduced Ordinance No. 8, Series 2006, and it was read by title only by the Mayor.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 8, Series 2006, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON APPROVING THE REPLAT OF FRED R. FIELD WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER GUNNISON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS CREATING PARCELS 1, 2, AND 3 LOCATED IN RIO GRANDE ADDITION & AMENDED WEST GUNNISON; VACATING INTERNAL LOT LINES; AND VACATING THE STREETS AND ALLEYS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AND DEPICTED ON SAID PLAT**, be introduced, read, passed and ordered published on first reading this 27th day of June, 2006.

Roll call vote, yes: Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman, Ferguson. Motion carried.

Roll call vote, no: Miller.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr: Out of town.

City Manager: Ken Coleman. Reported on the following: City employees will have July 3rd off as a floating holiday; There will be employees on standby, the tree dump and the Community Center will be open; Slurry Sealing will start the first week of July; the fiber optics are up and running at the Community Center; the Pool/Ice Rink/Trails committee held a meeting last week; and a Stage 1 Fire Ban has been placed in the County where no open fires are allowed except in designated/developed campgrounds. Mayor Ferguson asked the City Manager to have a mid-season review with Council. After Discussion, an Executive Session will be held on July 11, to have this review.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. Clerk's Departmental Report. Clerk Davidson briefly reviewed the Clerk's Department semi-annual report placed in Council's packets. She reviewed the City Code project, the completed 2007 election calendars, and changes being made to the City website. Mayor Ferguson commended the Clerk's Department on the website, asked for a minor change to be made to the City Code webpage, and commended Deputy City Clerk Tracy Meehan on the look of the employee newsletter, "*Elk Tracks*". City Clerk Davidson thanked Council for their continuing support.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: None.

Margaret Wacker, Public Health Department Health Educator came forward to discuss the Clean Indoor Air Act with Council. Ms. Wacker reviewed the recently passed Colorado Clean Indoor Air Act, its provisions, exemptions and how the Act may impact local businesses. Gunnison Public Health is working on a 5-year strategic plan for tobacco education. She stated education is the key. Councilor Miller asked that Ms. Wacker bring up the issue of increased outdoor litter stemming from smokers being forced outside to the attention of her bosses on the State level. He feels it will be a big problem. Council thanked Ms. Wacker.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Councilor Harriman: Reported she attended the CML Conference in Breckenridge and participated in four sessions including one on government finance. She shared problems and solutions with other elected officials. Councilor Harriman reported Deputy City Clerk did a “bang-up” job serving as a panelist on E-Government. Tracy presented the small community viewpoint on e-government practices. The session was very informative.

Councilors Medina and Miller, Mayor Ferguson: Nothing further to report.

Councilor Nesbitt: Gave a report, with the City Manager’s input, on the WSC Presidents Advisory Council meeting he attended. WSC has announced the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be relocating to WSC and will be hiring a new full-time Assistant Director for this area. Jim Kidd will continue to serve as the Director. Also discussed: there’s a slight increase in the number of incoming freshmen, with a higher number being out-of-state students; Upcoming construction projects at Western include Taylor Hall, Kelly Hall and Keating Dining Hall being moved into a renovated Student Union Complex; 18.5 FTE new staff members will be added to WSC; Mt. Crested Butte Manager Joe Fitzpatrick reported on the Club Med sale and it’s possible effect on airline seat guarantees; Mt. CB sales tax is up almost 22% ytd; and Marty Hatcher discussed the impact of PERA retirement funds flowing into the community.

Adjournment: At 8:08 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk